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¶1. Per reftel request, Poloff delivered demarche to Merab Manjgaladze, the Head of the UN Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Manjgaladze said that it was in Georgia's interest to elect candidates from democratic countries to the UN Committee Against Torture, and therefore Georgia would support the U.S. candidate, Ms. Felice Gaer, for a seat on the Committee. He said the Ministry will be sending instructions shortly to its mission in Geneva instructing them to vote for Ms. Gaer.

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